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SUBJECT:MBFR: APPROPRIATE DEFINITION OF COMMON CEILING

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---- B. MBFR VIENNA 514 DTG 051400Z NOV 75

DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS

1. MISSION SHOULD MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS AT NOV 6 SPC:

A. WE PREFER TO RETAIN CURRENT US WORDING FOR FINAL BRACKETED SENTENCE IN PARA 3 OF POSITION PAPER (ON SEEKING AN UNDERSTANDING WITH EAST ON NUMERICAL LEVEL OF COMMON CEILING). THE CHAIRMAN'S SUGGESTED REVISION IMPLIES THAT THE ALLIES WOULD FIRST TELL THE EAST THAT AN UNDERSTANDING WOULD BE SOUGHT AS TO THE PRECISE LEVEL OF THE COMMON CEILING AND THEN, AT SOME LATER TIME, THE NAC WOULD DECIDE ON THE ACTUAL NUMBER. WE WOULD NOT BE PREPARED TO ACTIVELY SEEK EASTERN AGREEMENT TO A PRECISE LEVEL FOR THE COMMON CEILING UNTIL THE ALLIES HAVE THEMSELVES DECIDED WHAT THAT PRECISE LEVEL SHOULD BE.

B. WITH REGARD TO QUESTION ABOUT WHAT ALLIES SHOULD TELL EAST IN INITIAL PRESENTATION OF OPTION III, WE BELIEVE CURRENT GUIDANCE IN PARA 1 OF GUIDANCE IS SUFFICIENT. (I.E., THAT THE COMMON CEILING WOULD BE "APPROPRIATELY DEFINED IN PHASE I"). TO TELL THE EAST PREMATURELY THAT WE WISH TO SEEK AGREEMENT ON A PRECISE NUMERICAL LEVEL WOULD ONLY RAISE MORE QUESTIONS THAN THE ALLIES COULD ANSWER. THE POINT WOULD BETTER BE MADE LATER, WHEN THE ALLIES ARE IN A POSITION TO PROPOSE A PRECISE NUMERICAL LEVEL OF THE COMMON CEILING. WE THEREFORE PREFER TO RETAIN THE US PROPOSED LANGUAGE IN PARA 1 OF THE GUIDANCE ON THIS ISSUE.

C. BEGIN FYI. WE ALSO BELIEVE IT IS INADVISABLE FOR ALLIES TO MAKE THE OTHER TWO POINTS IN PARA 3 OF POSITION PAPER (ON DATA) IN THE INITIAL PRESENTATION OF OPTION III. WE BELIEVE OUR POSITION ON THIS IS PROTECTED BY PARA 2 OF POSITION PAPER, I.E., THAT MATERIAL IN POSITION PAPER CANNOT BE USED WITH EAST WITHOUT NAC AUTHORIZATION. HOW-

SHOULD NOT RAISE IT. END FYI.

2. MISSION MAY DRAW ON ARGUMENTS IN PARAS 2-5, REF B, AS  
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